

Dear FCC:

I am deeply troubled by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to require its affiliates to air a one-sided documentary attacking John Kerry's Vietnam service just days before the election. I understand that currently Sinclair Broadcasting is refusing requests that it balance its broadcasting by airing a documentary such as "Going Upriver" that would present a different view of Senator Kerry's war service. Sinclair's highly partisan position is appalling to me and is further proof of the clear dangers of media consolidation, dangers that are promoted by recent and misguided changes to FCC policies

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Its most recent, highly political and partisan decision shows that it is not operating in the public interest. Sinclair's actions demonstrate in a stark way why we need to strengthen the current media ownership rules, not weaken them.

I appreciate your willingness to consider my views and I hope you act on them.

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